

**NOTICE OF SEMI-MONTHLY COUNTY BOARD MEETING
And AUDIT/FINANCE MEETING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners will meet on **Thursday, April 9, 2026**, in the District Courtroom of the Schoolcraft County Building, Manistique, Michigan, commencing at **5:30 P.M.** The following is the proposed Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Minutes: March 26, 2026, Board and Audit-Finance Meeting

5. Approval of agenda
6. Public Hearings: None
7. Brief Public Comment:
8. Unfinished business:
9. New Business:

Indian Lake/McDonald Lake/Gulliver Lake Authorities UPDATE
L-4024 – Equalization Report – Dulcee Atherton
Resolution – Veterans Affairs Millage Language
Resolution – Library Services Millage Language
Resolution – MSU Extension Millage Language

10. Committee and department reports
11. Announcements and notices
12. Public Comment
13. Commissioner’s Comments
14. Communications
15. Audit Claims and Vouchers
16. Adjournment

And, to take up and consider any other matter which may lawfully come before the Board at this time.

Paul Walker
Paul Walker, Chairperson
Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners

Daniel P. Hoholik
Danial P. Hoholik, Chairperson Audit-Finance
Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners

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**SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING and AUDIT/FINANCE MEETING**

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioner’s Board Meeting / Audit Finance Meeting met on Thursday, March 26, 2026, in the District Courtroom of the Schoolcraft County Building, City of Manistique, Michigan. Chairman Paul Walker called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The roll was called with the following members present and/or absent:

Present: Commissioner Craig Reiter
 Commissioner Bruce Birr
 Commissioner Troy Bassett
 Commissioner Paul Walker
 Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik
 Schoolcraft County Clerk Beth A. Edwards

Absent: None

Chairman Paul Walker led the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners and the members of the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to approve the minutes of March 12, 2026, Board/Audit Meeting of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present. [Copies of minutes are available at the Office of the Schoolcraft County Clerk.]

Chairman Paul Walker asked if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections to the printed agenda. Commissioner Paul Walker asked to add Emergency Declaration Discussion (SMH), Equalization Annual Report, Daryl Schroeder, Water Tower Rehabilitation Letter of Support, and Historical Society 2% Funding Request. **It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik to approve the amended agenda. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Public Hearings: None

Public Comment: Theresa Lund addressed Zoning Agreements and MTA advised that there must be specific duties in the agreement for the Townships to legally pay for those agreements.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

State of Emergency Declaration was discussed. Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik abstained from the discussion and removed himself from the commissioner table as he is employed at the Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital. Robert Mach and Eric Price, Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital CEO and CEF, gave their points as to why this is a state of emergency with destruction to the hospital up to 2.3 million. Lt. Johnson addressed process indicating that after a local state of emergency is declared he is the liaison between the county and the governor for State Emergency Funds, the request must show extraordinary financial burden. Ed Unger addressed other possible infrastructure damage that is left to be found in the Spring.

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Bruce Birr to approve a Local State of Emergency Due to the 2026 Winter Storm and approve Resolution 26-7. There was discussion. Roll Call Vote: Troy Bassett, yes; Bruce Birr, yes; Craig Reiter, yes; Daniel P. Hoholik, abstain; Paul Walker, yes. The motion carried by a majority aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Bruce Birr and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to accept the FY 25 Annual Report given by Dulcee Atherton, Equalization Director. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Daryl Schroeder addressed the Board as a candidate for the Michigan State Representative 108th District.

McDonald Lake update was given. Some boards had to be pulled. Electronic gauge was installed and will be working soon.

Indian Lake Authority's next meeting will be June 10, 2026.

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to appoint Tracy Block and Jayne Brindley to the Schoolcraft County Jury Board, terms expiring April 30, 2029. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Bruce Birr and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to approve the resolution to adopt a Michigan-Compliant Pre-Employment Screening Policy effective immediately. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Zoning Administration Agreements with the Townships were discussed. **It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Troy Bassett to rescind the March 12, 2026, motion to assess the townships for zoning and have them sign the agreements, reevaluation of the schedule of assessment will be relooked at. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Paul Walker to rescind the motion on May 12, 2026, to send the Townships a letter of understanding, including a schedule of payments, for the Schoolcraft County Townships for reimbursement of Zoning expenses and re-evaluate the schedule. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Paul Walker to temporarily increase Deputy Probate Register Danielle Neadow's hours to 28 hours per week and to review the hours and budget at the last Audit/Finance Committee meeting of every month. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Paul Walker to approve a budget increase in Fund 234 – DARE from Fund Balance to Operating Supplies not to exceed \$1,200, Sheriff's Department to submit the budget increase form. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Bruce Birr to approve the software upgrade for Landscan Application and Land Notification Application in the amount of \$15,000 onetime fee and \$800 annually from ROD Automation Fund Balance. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Troy Bassett to approve a spending freeze from the General Fund to closely monitor the revenue and expenditures until further action of the board. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Bruce Birr to approve a letter of support for the City of Manistique to rehabilitate the historic Water Tower and allow Paul Walker, Board Chairman to sign the letter. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Troy Bassett to approve Resolution 26.6 to Support a 2% Funding Application to the Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians for the Bishop Baraga Shrine Site Project. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Under Committee and Department Reports, the following matters were heard:

Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik: attended Landbank Authority and Audit-Finance Committee meetings.

Commissioner Craig Reiter : attended HBH Finance and Board, Community Action, UPCAP Executive Board, several Community Mental Health, and MAC Health and Service Committee meetings.

Commissioner Paul Walker: attended Road Commission, Audit-Finance Committee, and Manistique City Council meetings.

Commissioner Bruce Birr: attended Manistique Township, Personnel Committee, Transit Authority, CUPPAD Materials Management, and Manistique City Council meetings.

Commissioner Troy Bassett: attended Personnel Committee and Hiawatha Township meetings.

Heather LaLonde addressed property foreclosures.

Rob Mack thanked the Board for the State of Emergency and the Road Commission for keeping Emergency clear.

Eric Price working on a community project funding request with Jack Bergman.

Judge Beth Gibson addressed the cross training of all court staff and the restructuring efforts.

Judge Charles Nebel addressed the courts are operational and it will be new and improved.

Justin Schlabach addressed new cameras at the jail are being installed and currently 8 or 9 inmates in jail.

Joan Eccelsine thanked the board for the State of Emergency declaration.

Erin Daines, MSU, addressed running a millage for the MSU Extension here in Schoolcraft County for operation and services through MSU Extension, including 4-H.

Kim Hampton, tribal District 4 representative, gave an update and encouraged the county to ask if anything is needed from the Tribe. Thanked the Board for the State of Emergency Declaration.

Announcements and Notices: None

Public Comment: Joan Eccelsine supports a 4-H Extension millage.

Robert Pauliot thanked the Road Commission.

Kim Hampton addressed Data Centers and would be requesting a moratorium at the next tribal meeting.

Commissioner's Comment: None

Communications: Beth Edwards stated that the FY25 Audit is being finalized.

At 7:19 p.m., meeting was turned over to Daniel P. Hoholik, Audit-Finance Chairman.

It was moved by Commissioner Paul Walker and was seconded by Commissioner Troy Bassett to approve the claims and vouchers numbered **5124 through 5198**, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Troy Bassett to approve the budget adjustments numbered **26-49 through 26-52**, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

At 7:20 p.m., the meeting was turned back over to Chairman Paul Walker. Chairman Paul Walker asked if there was any further business to come before the Board.

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to adjourn. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Chairman Paul Walker adjourned the Board and Audit Finance Meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk

Approved: _____

County of Schoolcraft

Chairperson, Paul Walker, District No. 4
Vice-Chairperson, Daniel P. Hoholik, District No. 5
Commissioner Bruce Birr, District No. 2
Commissioner Troy Bassett, District No. 3
Commissioner Craig Reiter, District No. 1
Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners



SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION NO. 26-8

Library Services Millage Language

At a regular meeting of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners, held on April 9, 2026;

Present: Craig Reiter, Bruce Birr, Troy Bassett, Paul Walker, Daniel P. Hoholik

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner _____ and supported by Commissioner _____.

WHEREAS: The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners has determined that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County to levy a millage for the purpose of:

LIBRARY SERVICES

PROPOSITION FOR MILLAGE RENEWAL FOR LIBRARY SERVICES IN SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY

WHEREAS: The amount of revenue to be raised and the duration of the millage must be submitted to the electors for approval pursuant to Michigan law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Ballot Proposal Language

The following question shall be submitted to the electors of Schoolcraft County at the election to be held on **Tuesday, August 4, 2026:**

PROPOSED BALLOT LANGUAGE as submitted:

For the purpose of funding library services in Schoolcraft County, and to levy for the purpose annually not more than .3 [3/10] mill (estimated to provide revenues of \$142,391.10 in the first

year of the levy), shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be imposed upon all taxable property within Schoolcraft County be increased at the level of .3 mill (\$0.30 per \$1,000.00) on the taxable valuation of such property for taxes levied for a period of five (5) years, the years of 2026 through 2030, inclusive.

[] Yes

[] No

2. Certification to Clerk

The County Clerk is hereby directed to **certify this ballot wording** to the appropriate election officials in accordance with the Michigan Election Law (MCL 168.646a) **no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 12, 2026.**

3. Authorization

The County Clerk and other County officials are authorized to take all necessary actions to place this proposal before the electors.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- YEAS: _____
- NAYS: _____
- ABSENT: _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

 Paul Walker
 Chairperson, County Board of Commissioners

CERTIFICATION

I, Beth A. Edwards, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Schoolcraft County, Michigan (the "County") do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners at a meeting held on April 9, 2026, the original of which is on file in my office. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended.

 Beth A. Edwards, Clerk

County of Schoolcraft

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Commissioner Troy Bassett, District No. 3
Commissioner Craig Reiter, District No. 1
Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners



SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION NO. 26-9

Veterans Affairs Millage Language

At a regular meeting of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners, held on April 9, 2026;

Present: Craig Reiter, Bruce Birr, Troy Bassett, Paul Walker, Daniel P. Hoholik

the following resolution was offered by Commissioner _____ and supported by Commissioner _____:

WHEREAS: The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners has determined that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County to levy a millage for the purpose of:

Tax Renewal for operation of the Schoolcraft County Veterans Relief Fund and the Full Time Operation of the Veterans Services Office

WHEREAS: The amount of revenue to be raised and the duration of the millage must be submitted to the electors for approval pursuant to Michigan law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Ballot Proposal Language

The following question shall be submitted to the electors of Schoolcraft County at the election to be held on **Tuesday, August 4, 2026:**

PROPOSED BALLOT LANGUAGE as submitted:

Shall the millage rate renewal of 0.2000 Mills (Which is equal to twenty cents per one thousand dollars of taxable value) be assessed against all taxable value of real and tangible personal property in Schoolcraft County for a period of five years (2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, and 2030 inclusive) for the purpose of funding the

Schoolcraft County Veterans Relief Fund and the Full Time Operation of the Schoolcraft County Veterans Service Office. It is estimated that this renewal of 0.2000 Mills will generate revenue of approximated \$87,089 during the first calendar year of the millage renewal.

Yes

No

2. Certification to Clerk

The County Clerk is hereby directed to **certify this ballot wording** to the appropriate election officials in accordance with the Michigan Election Law (MCL 168.646a) **no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 12, 2026.**

3. Authorization

The County Clerk and other County officials are authorized to take all necessary actions to place this proposal before the electors.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- YEAS: _____
- NAYS: _____
- ABSENT: _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Paul Walker
Chairperson, County Board of Commissioners

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Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners



SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION NO. 26-10

MSU Extension Millage Language

At a regular meeting of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners, held on April 9, 2026;

Present: Craig Reiter, Bruce Birr, Troy Bassett, Paul Walker, Daniel P. Hoholik

the following resolution was offered by Commissioner _____ and supported by Commissioner _____:

WHEREAS: The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners has determined that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County to levy a millage for the purpose of:

operating funds for the Schoolcraft County MSU Extension, including 4-H

WHEREAS: The amount of revenue to be raised and the duration of the millage must be submitted to the electors for approval pursuant to Michigan law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Ballot Proposal Language

The following question shall be submitted to the electors of Schoolcraft County at the election to be held on **Tuesday, August 4, 2026:**

PROPOSED BALLOT LANGUAGE as submitted:

Schoolcraft County 4-H Program Millage Proposal (2026–2030)

Shall the limitation upon the total amount of general ad valorem taxes imposed upon real and tangible personal property for all purposes in one year under the Michigan Constitution be increased for funding operations of MSU Extension services, including 4-H Youth Programs, in Schoolcraft County, and levy for that purpose a new millage of up to 0.2100 mills (\$0.21 per

\$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of five (5) years, 2026 through 2030, inclusive, for the purpose of providing operating funds to Schoolcraft County MSU Extension, including 4-H ((approximately \$100,681 in 2026) ?

Shall this millage be approved?

Yes

No

2. Certification to Clerk

The County Clerk is hereby directed to **certify this ballot wording** to the appropriate election officials in accordance with the Michigan Election Law (MCL 168.646a) **no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 12, 2026.**

3. Authorization

The County Clerk and other County officials are authorized to take all necessary actions to place this proposal before the electors.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- YEAS: _____
- NAYS: _____
- ABSENT: _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

 Paul Walker
 Chairperson, County Board of Commissioners

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